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1. [ ] ship was in the port of Ventspils on 6 January 1954. (See Sketch No. 6 of Ventspils.) The harbor buoys and signals agreed with those indicated on the Admiralty Charts. [ ] a ship could approach the port without a pilot, and [ ] the water depth in the harbor was 22 or 23 feet. 25X1
2. The northern quay was approximately 750 meters in length. There were four cranes, which moved on rails, on the quay. [ ] cranes had a five-ton lifting capacity. There were also three spur tracks of Soviet gauge on the quay. A canning plant was under construction in the area; it was to be a brick building. 25X1
3. [ ] two tugs in Ventspils; one of the tugs was used as an icebreaker. [ ] a Soviet freighter were also observed in the harbor. 25X1
4. The southern quay was used by the Soviet Navy. [ ] following naval vessels in the harbor: 25X1
  - a. A new torpedo boat (see Sketch No. 1). The ship had one gun on the bow, two stacks, two antiaircraft guns of 37 or 40 millimeters, and racks for depth charges. 25X1
  - b. An old submarine chaser.
  - c. Ten submarine chasers (see Sketch No. 2); each ship had one gun on the bow, a radar installation, one stack, and racks for depth charges. 25X1
  - d. One submarine of about 500 tons (see Sketch No. 3). It had a white flag on the bow. No guns, snorkel equipment, or periscope were visible on the submarine.
  - e. Three cutters (see Sketch No. 4). These ships were about 120 tons each, and there was a machine gun located between the mast and the 25X1

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pilot house on each of the vessels. A patrol boat was also observed (see Sketch No. 5).

5. All the naval vessels observed in Ventspils were painted blue-gray, and they were flying the Soviet flag. The flag was taken down at sunset on a signal from the torpedo chaser.

Legend to the Sketch of Ventspils:

1. Anchorage
2. Northern quay
3. Southern quay
4. Control Point
5. A high building on which there was a radar installation (see Sketch No. 7)
6. Four floating cranes
7. Cannery
8. A large crane, with a capacity of about eight tons.
9. Naval signal station
10. Military screening post (sic)
11. Light; visible for five miles.

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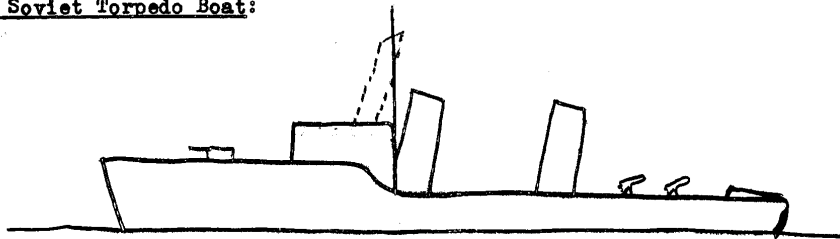
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Sketch No. 1:

Sketch of Soviet Torpedo Boat:



Sketch No. 2:

Sketch of Soviet Submarine Chaser:



Sketch No. 3:

Sketch of Soviet Submarine:



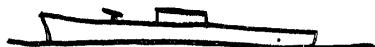
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Sketch of Soviet Cutter:



Sketch No. 5:

Sketch of Border Guard Boat:



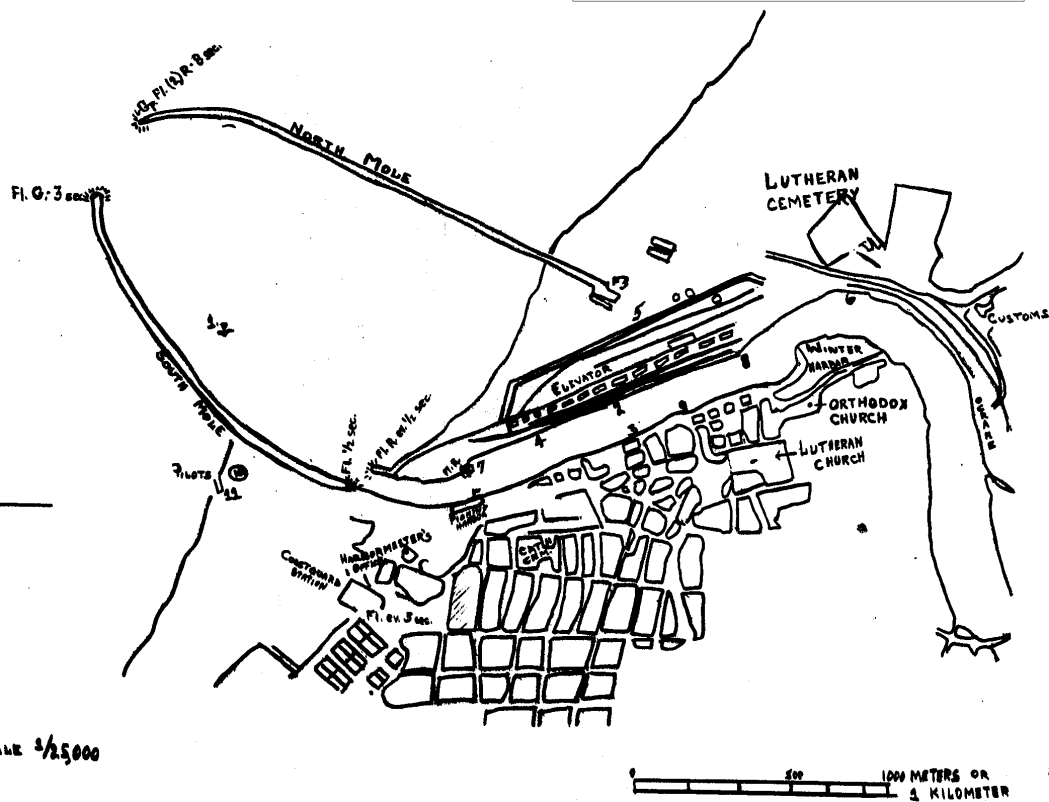
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Sketch No. 6:  
Sketch of Ventspils:



Sketch No. 7:  
Sketch of Radar Apparatus:



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